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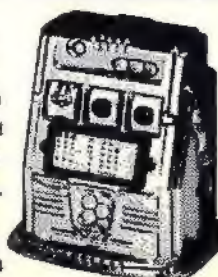
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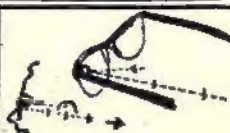
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--WE DIDN'T START OUT WITH  
THIS SPLASH PANEL OF THE  
BOMBASTIC **BANSHEE** \*  
BY **MISTAKE**! THEN WHY?  
STICK AROUND FOR A FEW  
PAGES--AND MAYBE YOU'LL  
SEE THE **METHOD** IN OUR  
MERRY MARVEL MADNESS...

FOR WEEKS, I'VE  
SEARCHED THE MOUNTAINS  
AND VALLEYS OF **CENTRAL**  
**EUROPE** FOR THE SINISTER  
GROUP KNOWN AS  
**FACTOR THREE!**

AND NOW, AT LAST,  
I FEEL I AM NEAR ITS  
SECRET **SANCTUARY!**  
I ONLY PRAY THAT  
I'M IN TIME TO PREVENT  
ITS CONQUERING  
THE EARTH!

\* YOU DO REMEMBER OUR  
MUTANT WITH THE MIND-  
BENDING VOCAL CORDS  
FROM **X-MEN #28**,  
DON'T YOU?  
--SENSITIVE STAN.

**STAN LEE**  
PRESENTS A  
**ROY THOMAS-  
WERNER ROTH**  
TOWERING TRIUMPH OF  
TITANIC TALENT AND  
TUMULTUOUS TOIL!

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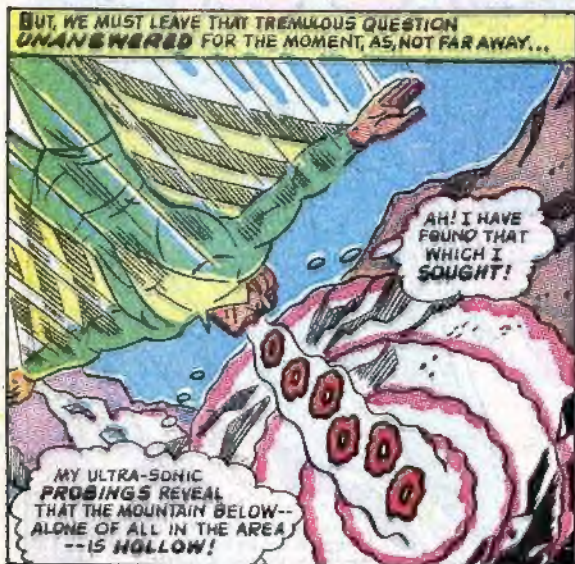
THIS SPEAKING, THE **BANSHEE** STREAKS ON HIS WAY--AS THE STRANGE SONIC POWER WHICH ENABLES HIM TO FLY SENDS ITS AWESOME VIBRATIONS ACROSS THE ROCKY FACE OF THE SMALL EUROPEAN NATION...



THAT MOURNFUL WAIL--LIKE THE MELANCHOLY CRY OF A SOUL IN TORMENT--!

HAS IT ANY CONNECTION WITH THE OTHER WEIRD SOUNDS--AND WEIRDER HAPPENINGS--WHICH HAVE LATELY BESIEGED THIS LAND?

BUT, WE MUST LEAVE THAT TREMULOUS QUESTION UNANSWERED FOR THE MOMENT, AS, NOT FAR AWAY...



AH! I HAVE FOUND THAT WHICH I SOUGHT!

MY ULTRA-SONIC PROBINGS REVEAL THAT THE MOUNTAIN BELOW--ALONE OF ALL IN THE AREA--IS HOLLOW!

BUT HOLD! WHAT IS THIS WHICH I SEE BEFORE ME?



A DOORWAY APPEARS--A STONY SLAB IN THE VERY SIDE OF THE MOUNTAIN!

IT CAN ONLY MEAN--FACTOR THREE HAS SEEN ME...AS I FEARED THEY WOULD!

YET, THE MOMENT FOR RETREAT IS LONG SINCE PAST! I MUST LEARN WHAT DEFENSES MY FOE HAS!



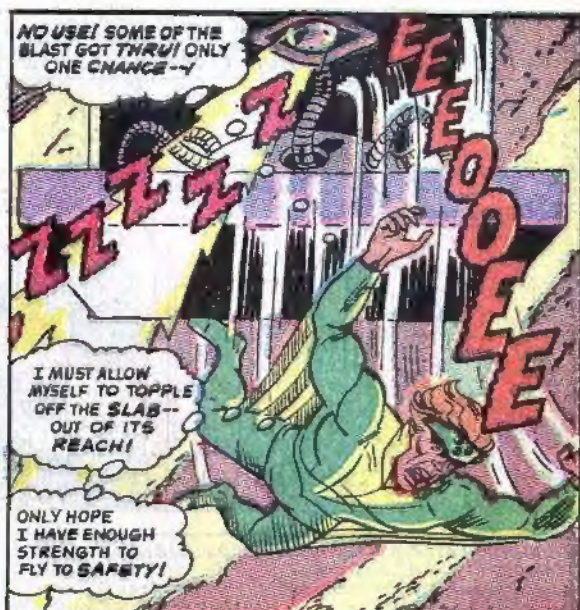
WAIT! THERE--IN THE OPENING--A SHADOWY SHAPE!

THEN, AS THE GLEAMING, METALLIC FORM SUDDENLY SLITHERS FORWARD INTO FULL VIEW...



IT'S A LARGE MECHANICAL SPIDER--EMITTING A LOW HUM! I MUST GET CLOSER...







MEANWHILE, JUST IN CASE YOU FORGOT WHOSE MAG THIS IS, LET'S LOOK IN ON A CERTAIN SCHOOL IN WESTCHESTER COUNTY, WHERE AN ANXIOUS GROUP OF MUTANTS IS PROCESSING NECESSARY DATA IN THEIR DESPERATE SEARCH FOR THE CAPTURED PROFESSOR X (OR, HOW SNEAKY CAN A SWINGIN' SYNOPSIS BE?)...



HEY, CREW--THE ANGEL'S COMIN' BACK FROM HIS LOOK-OUT MISSION! MAYBE HE'S FOUND SOMETHING!

JEAN AND I WILL GO CHECK! BOBBY, YOU SHARE THE CEREBRO-WATCH WITH HANK!

WE CAN'T RISK ANOTHER SNEAK ATTACK BY FACTOR THREE!

IF ONLY WE HAD SOME SLIGHTEST CLUE AS TO WHERE IN EUROPE OUR ENEMIES HAD TAKEN THE PROFESSOR!

DON'T ABANDON HOPE, JEANIE! WE'LL FIND HIM YET!

MOMENTS LATER, A COLORFUL WINGED FIGURE SWOOPS IN FOR A LANDING...



I CAN TELL BY YOUR EXPRESSION--YOU COULDN'T FIND A THING!

YOU SHOULD'VE BEEN A FORTUNE-TELLER, SCOTT!

AND YET, I DID FIND ONE CLUE, HOWEVER SMALL!

QUICKLY, WARREN--WHAT WAS IT?

IT'S NOTHING TO WRITE HOME ABOUT, JEANIE! BUT, I SPOTTED TRACES OF A VEHICLE HAVING LANDED NEARBY-- A SAUCER-SHAPED VEHICLE!

THAT MUST BE THE SHIP IN WHICH THEY FLED WITH THE PROFESSOR--WHILE WE BATTLED THE JUGGERNAUT!

Y'KNOW, ABOUT THE ONLY THING MUTANTS HAVEN'T BEEN BLAMED FOR YET IS FLYING SAUCERS! BUT NOW--

BUT, A CRAFT LIKE THAT LEAVES NO TRACKS! SO, WE'RE AS MUCH IN THE DARK AS EVER!



WAS WONDERFULLY WITNESSED IN ISH #32! -- SMILEY.

THEN, THE VERY NEXT SECOND...



I HATE TO KEEP POPPIN' UP LIKE SOMEBODY FROM WESTERN UNION--

BUT, WE'RE GETTIN' SOME KINDA MESSAGE--FROM THE BANSHEE!

THE BANSHEE?

THIS COULD BE WHAT WE'RE LOOKING FOR! LET'S GO!

AND, EVEN AS FIVE RACING X-MEN GATHER AROUND THEIR COMPLEX COMMUNICATIONS MACHINES, AN URGENT, FATEFUL CODED MESSAGE IS BEING BEAMED DIRECTLY TO THEM...



CALLING X-MEN  
CALLING X-MEN  
EMERGENCY

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YET, THE DEVASTATING ATTACK OF FACTOR THREE'S MECHANICAL CREATURE HAS TAKEN ITS TOLL! FOR, WITHIN THE CHALET...

THAT RAY--MUST HAVE WEAKENED ME--EVEN MORE THAN I SUSPECTED...

CAN TELL--I'M SLACKING OUT! ONLY A FEW SECONDS LEFT--MY MIND IS WANDERING...

MUST WARN THE X-MEN...TO BEWARE THE SPIDER--BEWARE--

THEN, HIS MUTANT POWERS AND HUMAN ENERGIES BOTH EXHAUSTED, THE COURAGEOUS BANSHEE SLUMPS TO THE FLOOR--AS TWO SINISTER SHADOWS FALL ACROSS HIS LIMP FORM...

HE IS UNCONSCIOUS! GOOD--THEN HE WILL PUT UP NO FIGHT!

LET US CARRY HIM ON BOARD THE GRAVO-DISK--AND REPORT TO THE MASTER!

THUS, SCARCELY HALF A MINUTE LATER, AS A BROODING FIGURE SITS BEFORE A GIANT SCREEN DEEP WITHIN A TOWERING MOUNTAIN...

AGENTS 10 AND 14 REPORTING! WE HAVE SECURED THE BANSHEE--AND ARE BRINGING HIM TO LOCATION ONE!

EXCELLENT! I SHOULD HAVE REALIZED FROM THE VERY BEGINNING THAT A MUTANT WHO HAD TO BE FORCED TO JOIN US WOULD ULTIMATELY BETRAY US!

BUT ANY THREAT THAT HE MIGHT HAVE POSED TO US IS NOW FOREVER ENDED!

I SHALL SEND ONE OF MY RECONNAISSANCE-UNITS TO AMERICA--TO SEE HOW MUCH THE BANSHEE MANAGED TO TELL THE X-MEN!

FOR, IF PROFESSOR XAVIER'S POWERFUL PROTEGES EVER SUCCEED IN FINDING US, WE MUST BE READY--SO THAT WE MAY UTTERLY DESTROY THEM!



HOWEVER, JUST NOW, OUR MARYELOUS MISFITS ARE CONCERNED WITH A MORE IMMEDIATE PROBLEM...

"BEWARE THE SPIDER"?  
WHAT KIND'A NUTTY  
MESSAGE IS THAT?

I'M AFRAID THAT  
HANK MAY JUST BE  
RIGHT, BOBBY!

HE OBVIOUSLY INTENDED  
TO TELL US MORE--BUT,  
SOMEONE--OR SOMETHING  
--STOPPED HIM!

STILL, A SPIDER? IT  
SOUNDS LIKE SOMEBODY'S  
IDEA OF A MAD, INSANE  
PRANK!

PERHAPS IT'S  
THE ONLY KIND  
THAT THE BANSHEE  
COULD TRANSMIT,  
LAD--BEFORE SOME  
CATASTROPHIC  
OCCURRENCE!

THE BANSHEE  
WOULD HARDLY  
JOKE ABOUT  
FACTOR THREE,  
JEAN!

YOU KNOW IT!  
IF HE SAID TO  
BEWARE A SPIDER  
--WE'D BETTER  
DO JUST THAT!

AND, AT PRECISELY THIS POINT,  
WE SWITCH OUR SCENE TO--  
NOPE! IF YOU CAN'T GUESS,  
FRANTIC ONE, WE'RE SURE NOT  
GONNA TELL YA!

THE CITY'S A NICE  
PLACE TO LIVE--BUT  
I DON'T ESPECIALLY  
WANNA VISIT  
THERE!

RRRRRR  
WHEN IT'S  
TIME FOR  
RELAXATION,  
I'M THE ORIGINAL  
BACK-TO-NATURE  
KID!

THAT'S RIGHT, O KEEPER OF THE FLAME AND OBSERVER OF IRONIC TRUTHS--  
IT'S PETER PARKER, ALIAS THE ONE AND ONLY SPIDER-MAN!

Y'KNOW, IT'S  
FUNNY HOW I  
JUST HOPPED ON  
MY CYCLE AND  
ENDED UP HERE  
IN WESTCHESTER  
COUNTY!

IT'S ALMOST LIKE  
FATE WAS PULLING  
ME HERE--FOR SOME  
MYSTERIOUS REASON  
I CAN'T EVEN  
IMAGINE!

AW, COME OFF IT,  
PARKER! YOU JUST  
GOT LOST--DON'T  
MAKE A BIG THING  
OF IT!

\*YOU HAVE HEARD  
OF HIM, HAVEN'T  
YOU?--INSECURE STAN.

OH WELL, AFTER  
THAT LAST RUN-IN  
WITH THE KINGPIN,  
MAYBE A LOST WEEKEND  
IS JUST WHAT I NEED!

BUT, I'M GETTING TIRED  
OF EATING MY OWN DUST  
UP AND DOWN THE  
COUNTRYSIDE!

I SEE A STREAM  
AT THE BOTTOM  
OF THIS HILL! IT'S TIME  
TO DO THE THOREAU  
BIT FOR A WHILE!

WADDAYA  
KNOW! THERE'S  
EVEN AN  
ABANDONED  
MILL  
DOWN THERE!

PETEY BOY, MAYBE  
YOU'RE JUST A  
PETER PAN  
WHO NEVER GREW  
UP--BUT IT'S TIME  
TO PLAY  
EXPLORER!

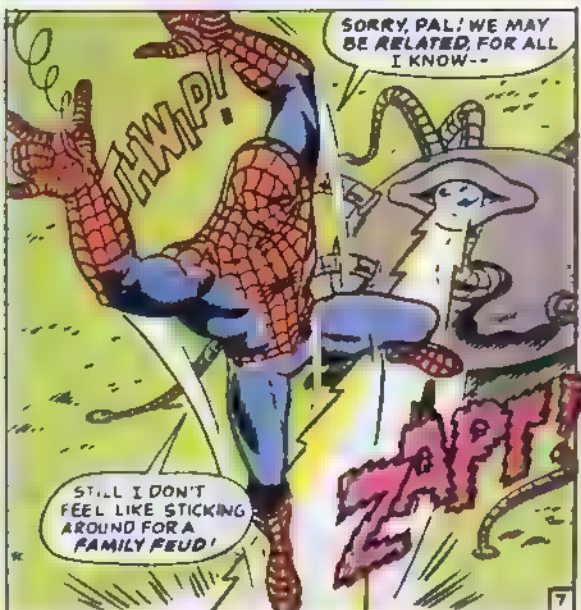
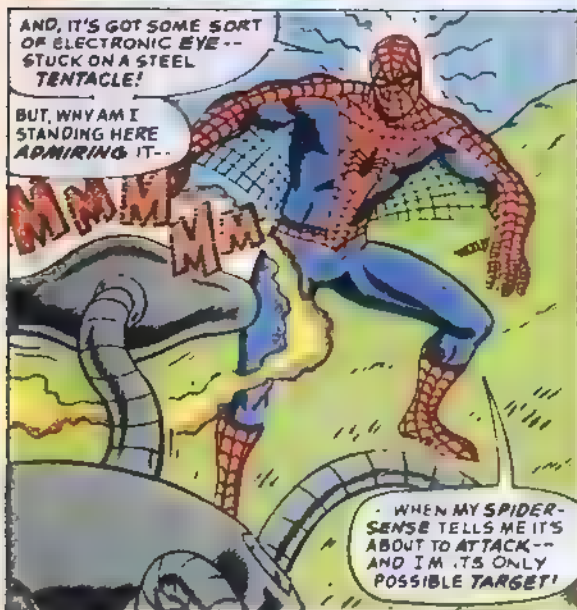
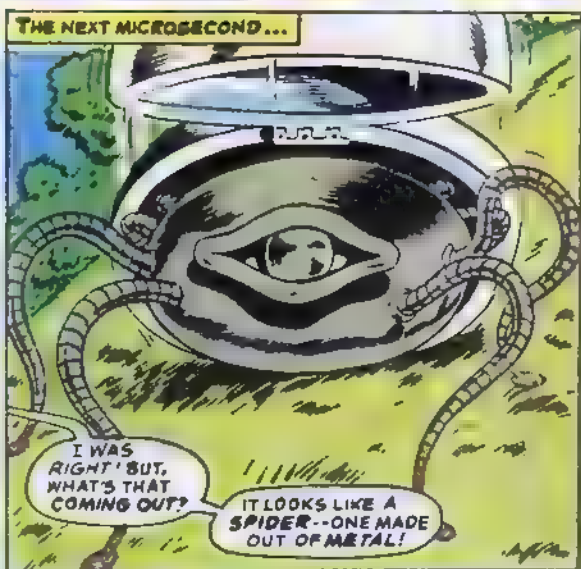
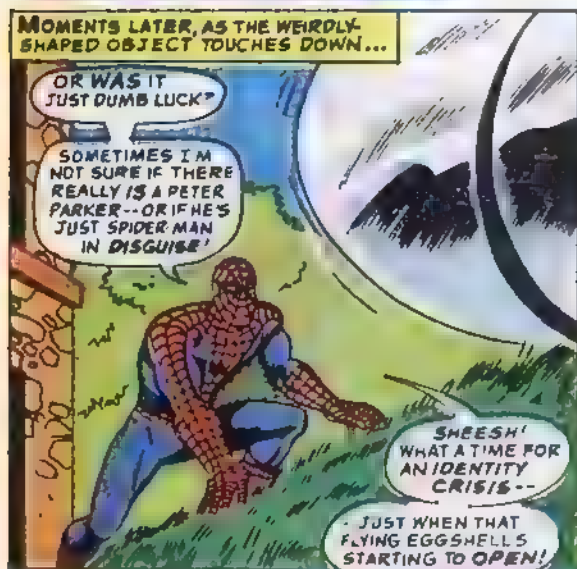
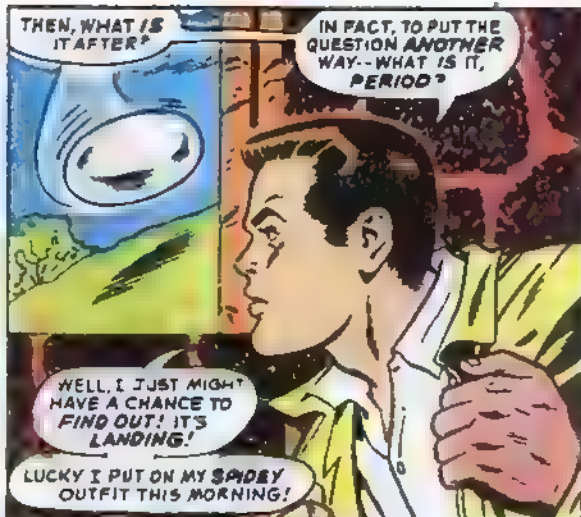
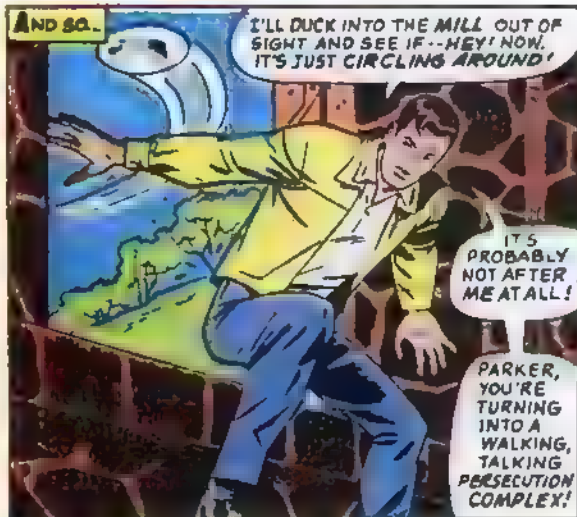
YET, BEFORE THE UNUSUALLY HAPPY-GO-LUCKY LAD CAN EVEN  
REACH THE PLACID STREAM...

HEY--WHO TURNED  
OUT THE LIGHTS?  
IF THAT TV WEATHERMAN  
WAS WRONG AGAIN--

NO--WAIT!  
IT'S SOME SORT  
OF EGG-SHAPED  
OBJECT--HEADIN'  
MY WAY!

DON'T TELL ME  
ONE OF MY OLD FOES  
HAS FOUND OUT  
I'M SPIDEY--AND  
IS ZEROIN' IN FOR  
THE KILL!



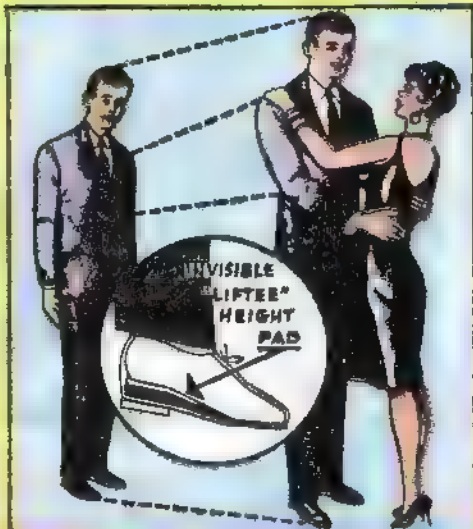








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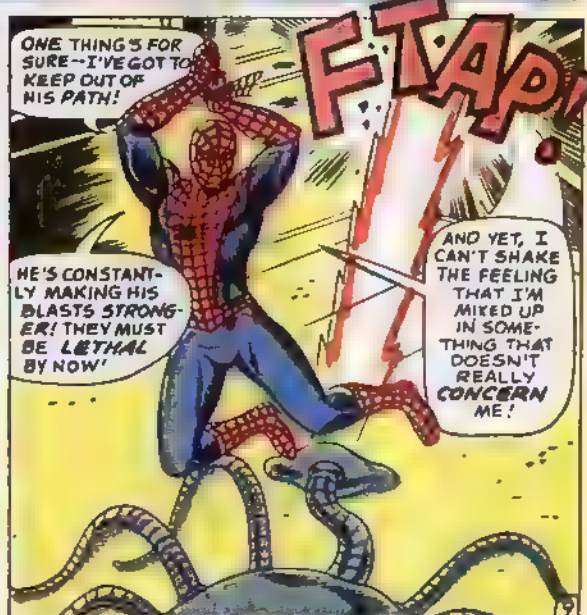
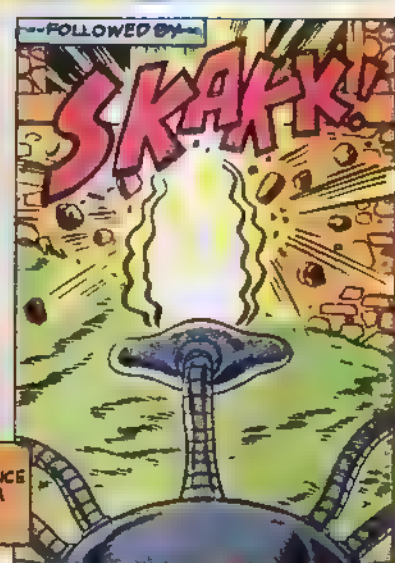
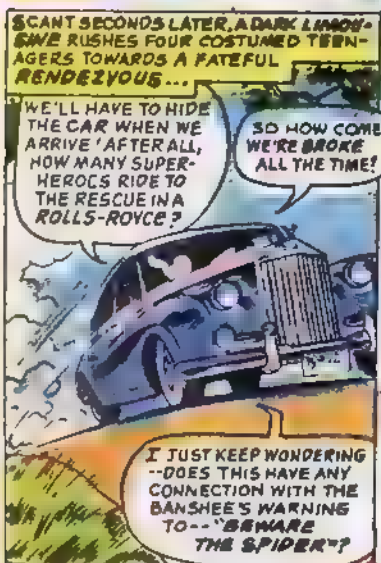
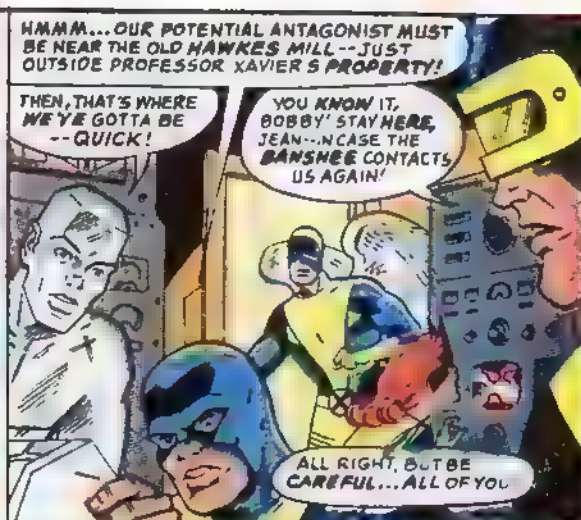


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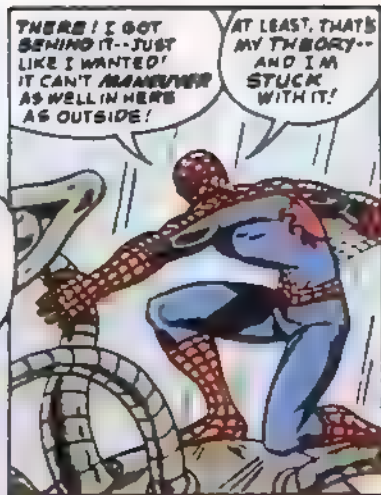
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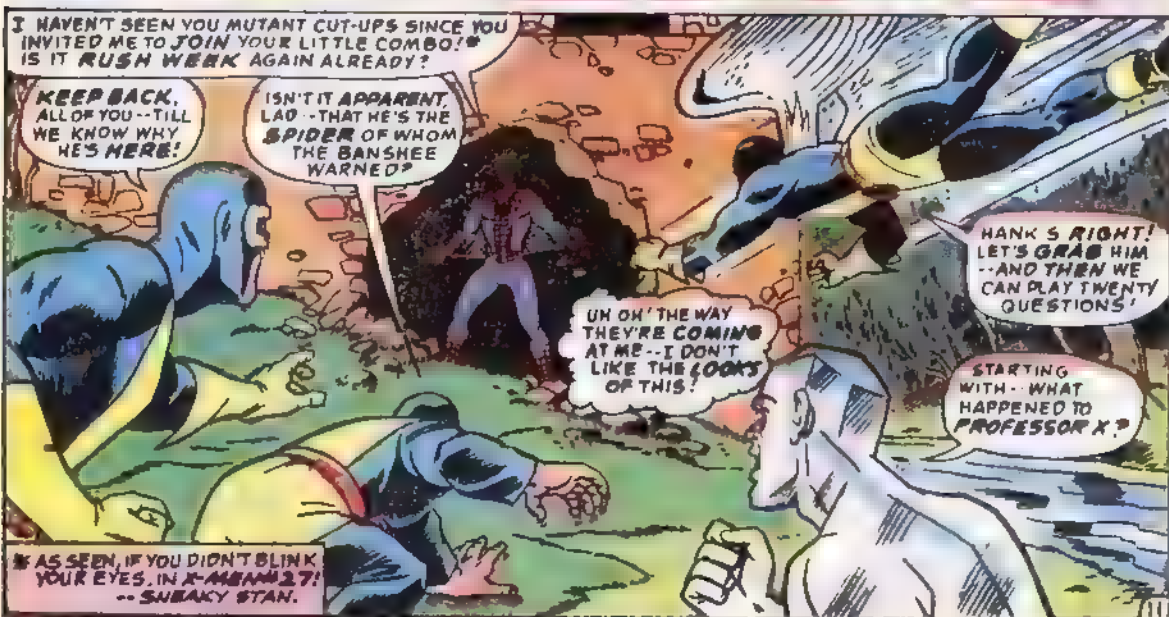
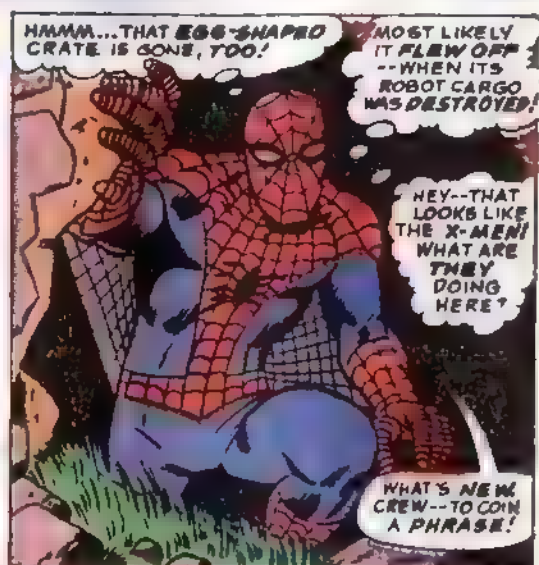
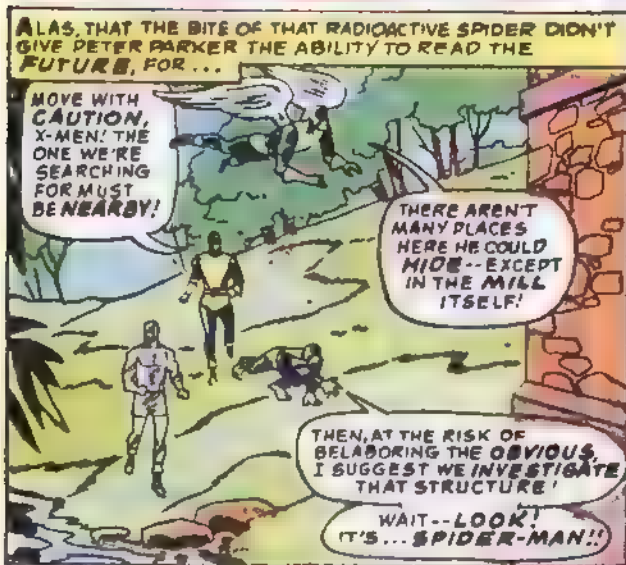
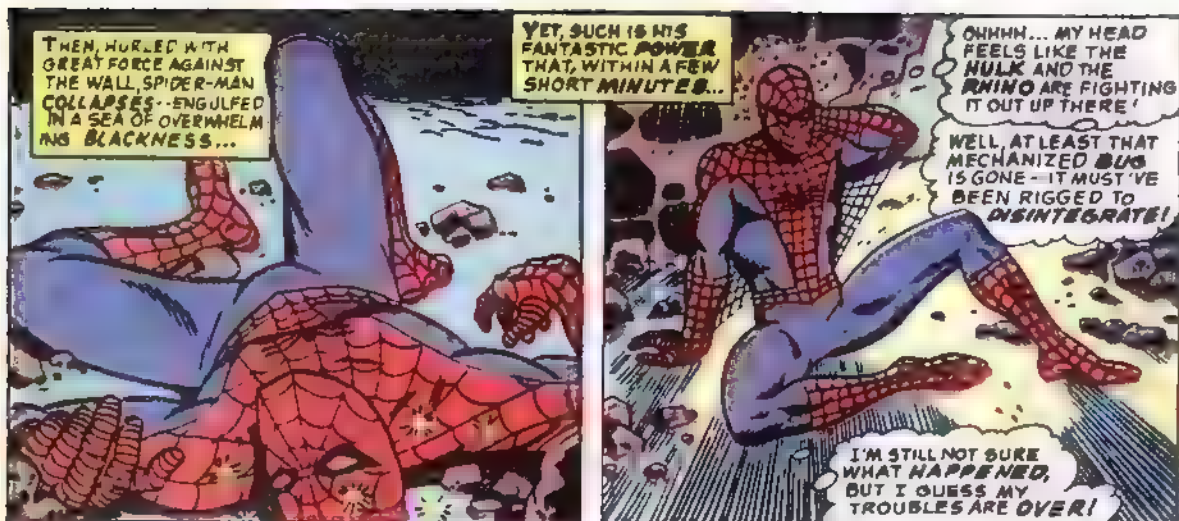




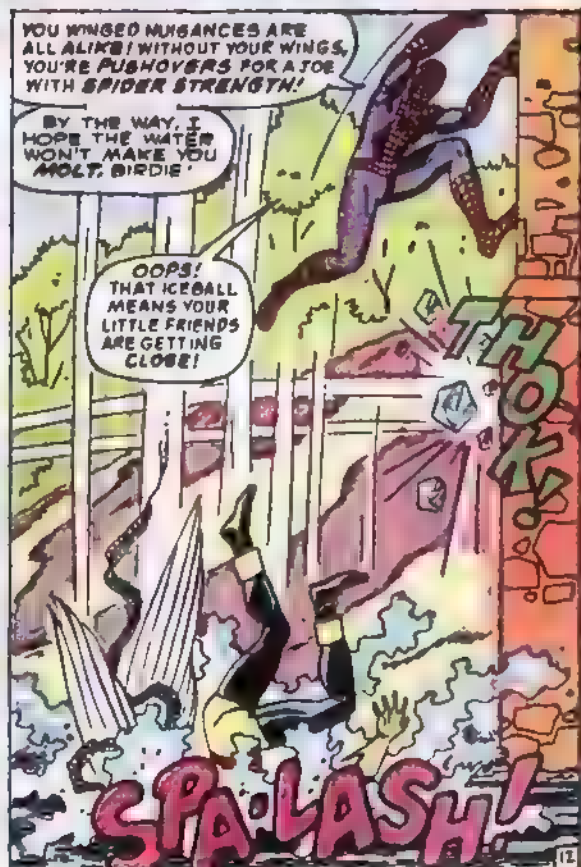
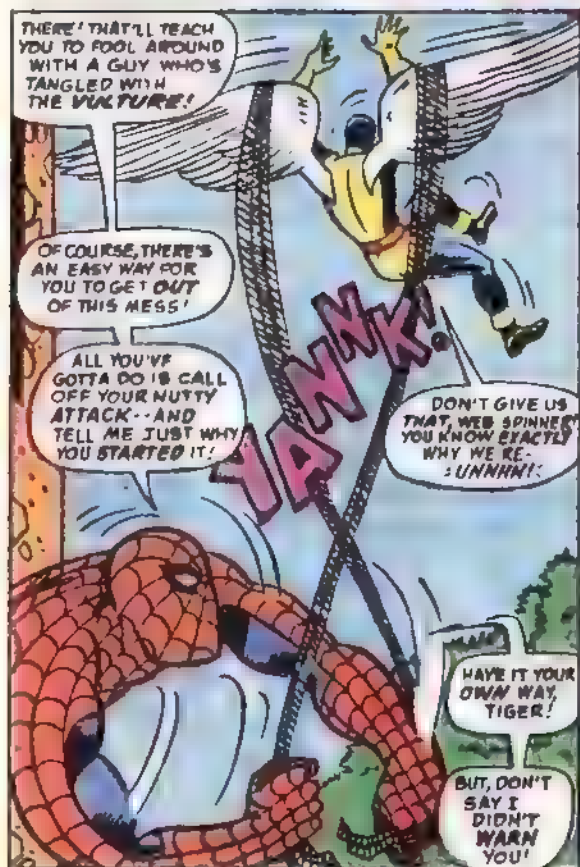
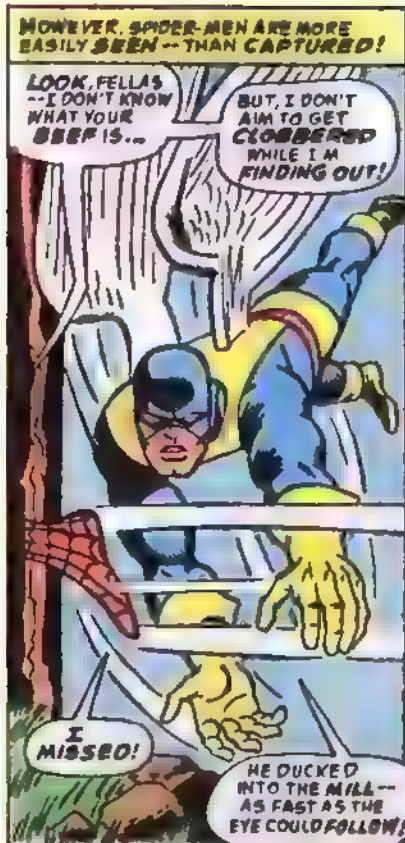




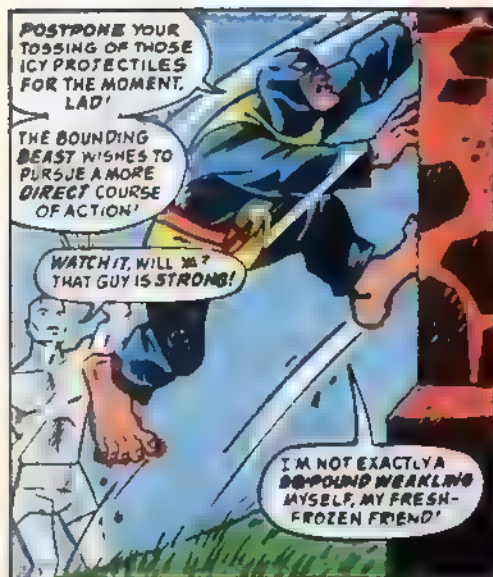












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TOSsing OF THOSE  
ICY PROTECTILES  
FOR THE MOMENT,  
LAD!

THE BOUNDING  
BEAST WISHES TO  
PURSUE A MORE  
DIRECT COURSE  
OF ACTION!

WATCH IT, WILL YE?  
THAT GUY IS STRONG!

I'M NOT EXACTLY A  
SO-FORGETTABLE  
WEAKLING  
MYSELF, MY FRESH-  
FROZEN FRIEND!



WELL, WELL--HERE COMES  
NUMBER TWO! PLANNING  
TO TRY HARDER, CHUM?

I DON'T IMAGINE YOU'RE  
INTERESTED IN GIVING OUT  
WITH THE EXPLANATIONS  
EITHER!

ON THE CONTRARY,  
SON--WE'LL BE THE  
SOULS OF CLARITY--

ONCE WE ASCER-  
TAIN THAT YOU'LL  
STAY PUT  
TILL WE  
FINISH!

GREAT!  
THEN, MAYBE  
YOU CAN FILL  
ME IN ABOUT  
THIS SPIDER-J

IF HE'LL JUST  
STAY WHERE HE  
IS--A MOMENT  
LONGER!

YOU SEE, I  
WAS JUST  
WALKING  
ALONG, MINDING  
MY OWN BUSINESS LIKE  
LITTLE MISS MUFFET--



--WHEN, SUDDENLY,  
ALONG CAME--

HEY! NO FAIR MONKEY-  
FACE! I'LL REPORT YOU  
TO THE SUPER-HEROES  
FAIR PRACTICE  
BOARD!

I DODGED  
THAT LEAP OF  
HIS JUST IN  
TIME!

HE'S JUST AS  
AGILE AS I AM!

IT WOULD APPEAR  
THAT I UNDERESTIMATED  
YOUR PROWESS!

BUT, PLEASE DON'T  
BESMIRCH THE NAME  
OF SUPER-HEROES  
BY APPLYING THE  
TERM TO YOURSELF!

THE PRECISE EXPRESS-  
ION MY ARACHNIC  
ANTAGONIST, IS  
SUPER-VILLAIN!

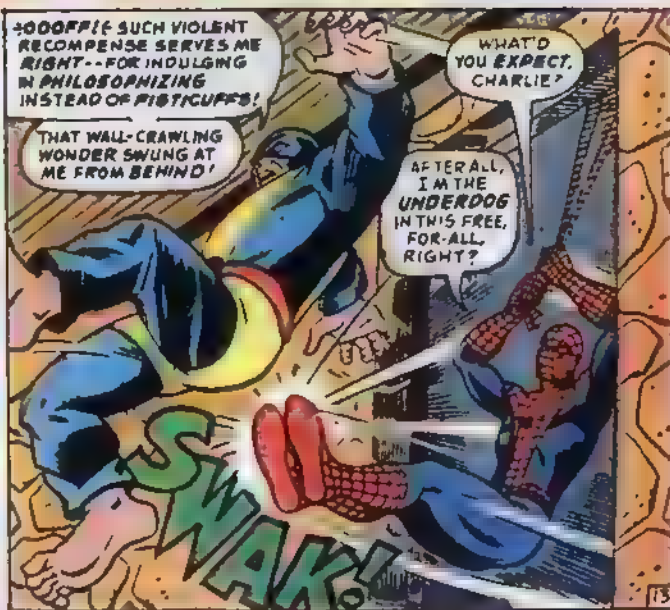


YET, AS HE LITHELY GRABS HOLD OF A NEARBY  
LEDGE, HANK MCCOY HAS SECOND THOUGHTS...

PERHAPS WE  
HAVE ACTED  
A BIT HASTILY!

SPIDER-MAN HAS MADE  
NO OVERT MOVES  
TOWARDS US! MAYBE  
HE ISN'T THE MENACE  
THAT--

WAIT--  
THAT SOUND  
BEHIND ME!  
WHAT--?



SOOOFF! SUCH VIOLENT  
RECOMPENSE SERVES ME  
RIGHT--FOR INDULGING  
IN PHILOSOPHIZING  
INSTEAD OF FISTICUFFS!

THAT WALL-CRAWLING  
WONDER SWUNG AT  
ME FROM BEHIND!

WHAT'D  
YOU EXPECT,  
CHARLIE?

AFTER ALL,  
I'M THE  
UNDERDOG  
IN THIS FREE,  
FOR ALL,  
RIGHT?

SWAK!

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PORTABLE TYPEWRITER  
Sell only 30 Boxes

GIANT  
TELESCOPE  
Sell only 12 Boxes



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Sell only 12 Boxes



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PENDANT WATCH  
Sell only 7 Boxes



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Sell only 7 Boxes



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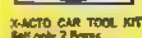
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Sell only 7 Boxes



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Sell only 30 Boxes

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BIKE ENGINE  
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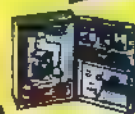
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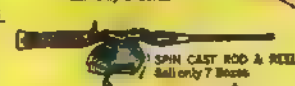
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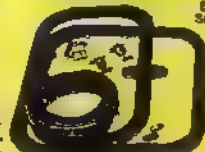
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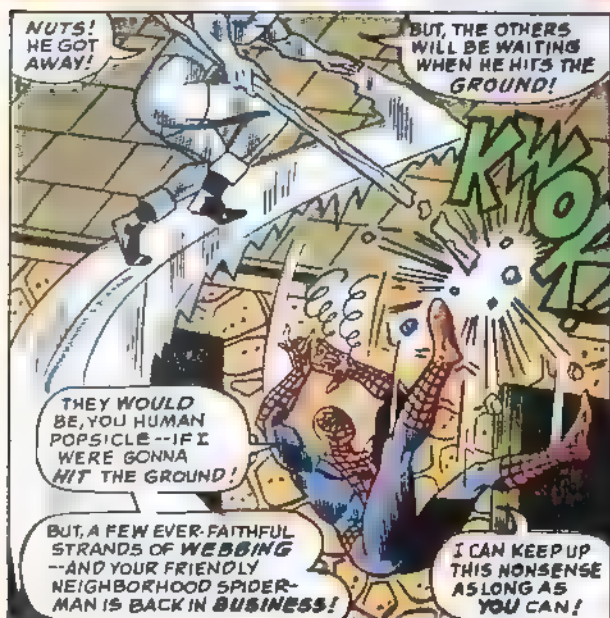
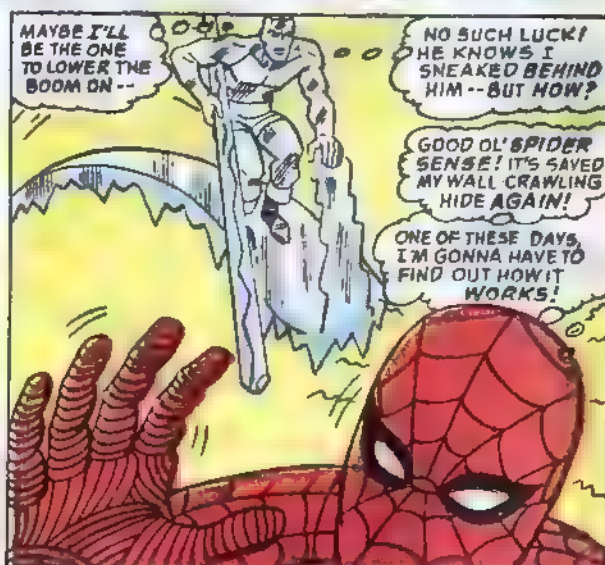
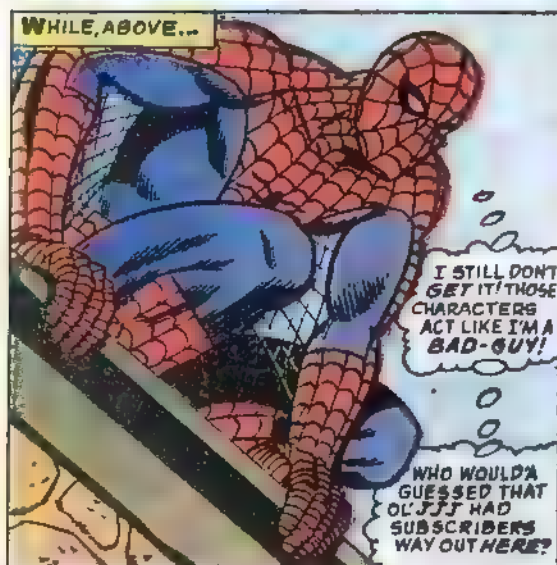
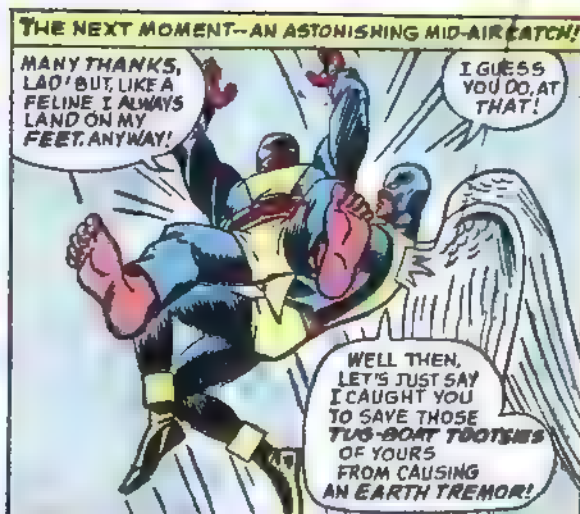
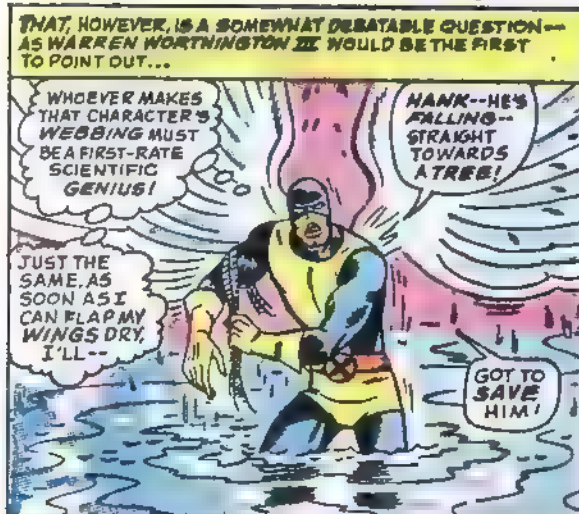
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AND NOW, AS THE X-MEN ANXIOUSLY AWAIT THE WOOLY WEB-SPINNER'S RESPONSE--YOUR BLUSHIN' BULLPEN HOPES YOU'VE BEEN WONDERING ABOUT THE LOVELY JEAN GREY'S ACTIVITIES AS MUCH AS WE HAVE

--CAUSE WE NEED A SHORT BREATHER FROM ALL THIS AGONIZIN' ACTION, FRANTIC ONE-- AND THIS IS OUR WAY OF TAKING ONE!

I HOPE SCOTT AND THE OTHERS ARE ALL RIGHT! I'VE HAD NO WORD FROM THEM SINCE THEY LEFT--NOT EVEN ON THEIR SIGNAL WATCHES!

YET, JUST AFTER THEY RAN OUT, CEREBRO SUDDENLY WENT BLANK! DOES THAT MEAN THE MENACE HAS GONE--

OR SIMPLY THAT IT HAS SOMEHOW HIDDEN ITSELF-- TO TAKE US ALL BY SURPRISE?

THEN, EVEN AS MARVEL GIRL FEARS FOR THE YOUTHS WHO MEAN SO MUCH TO HER, SHE ABRUPTLY SPIES...

A SPECIAL NOTE-- HERE AMONG THE PROFESSOR'S FILES ON FACTOR THREE!

HE MUST HAVE MEANT TO TELL US ABOUT IT-- BUT WAS CAPTURED BEFORE HE HAD A CHANCE!

ACCORDING TO IT, PROFESSOR XAVIER PUT A SPECIAL CRYSTAL IN THE HEADBAND OF THE BANSHEE!

IT WOULD ENABLE US TO CONTACT HIM AT ANY TIME --SIMPLY BY ADJUSTING CEREBRO TO A DIFFERENT FREQUENCY!

IF ONLY HE'S STILL WEARING THAT BAND!

WHUNNNNN

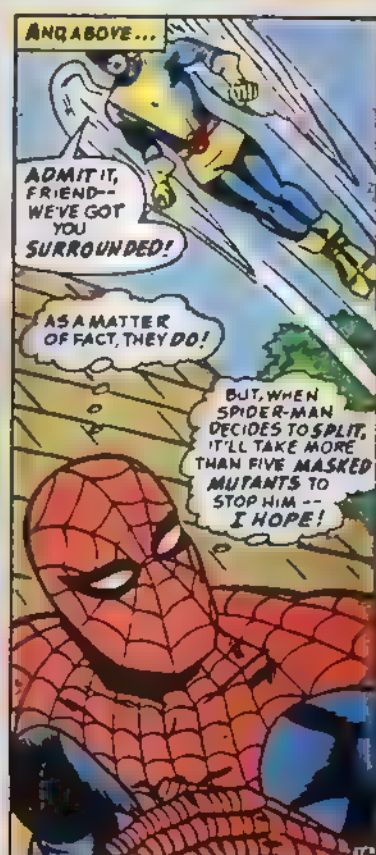
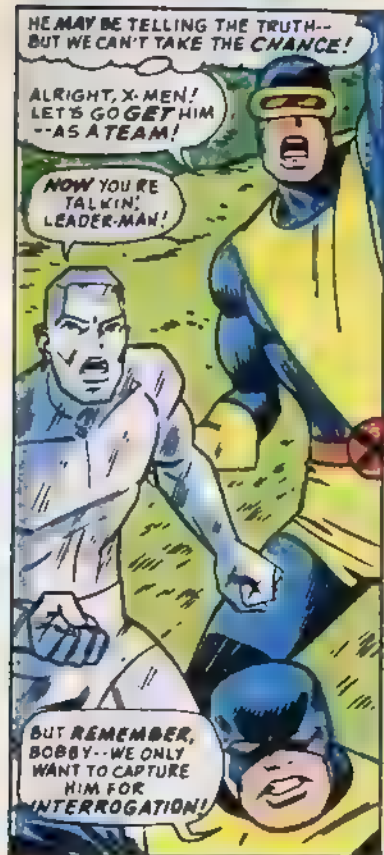
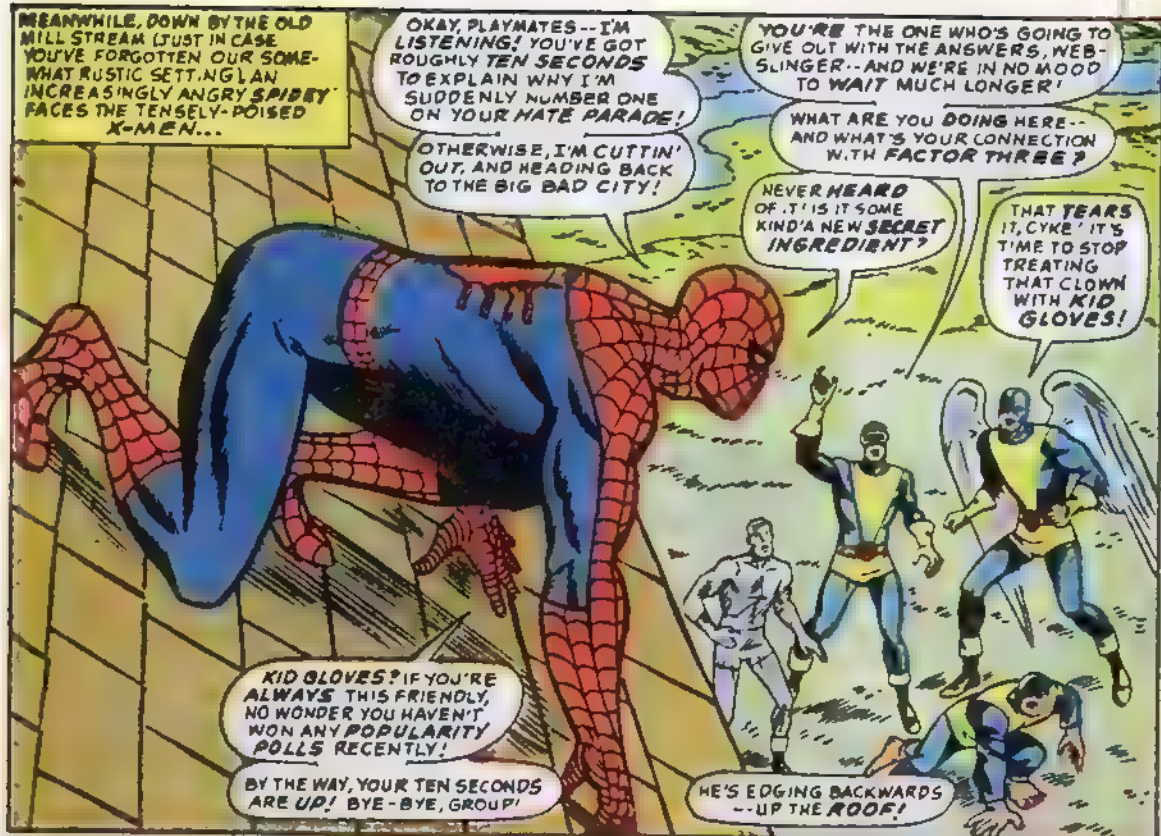
AT JEAN'S TOUCH, A STREAM OF INVISIBLE, ULTRA-SONIC VIBRATIONS EMANATE FROM THE POWERFUL MACHINE KNOWN AS CEREBRO...

...AND BE DEFLECTED INSTANTANEOUSLY TO A DARK, OMINOUS CELL--DEEP INSIDE THE HEART OF THE IMPOSING ALPS!

BUT THE FORM WHICH WEARS THE METAL HEADBAND--AND ITS HIDDEN CRYSTAL--IS STRANGELY QUIET--AND UNMOVING...

TO BOUNCE THE FOLLOWING SECOND OFF AN ORBITING COMMUNICATIONS SATELLITE SENT UP MONTHS EARLIER BY THE U.S. GOVERNMENT...





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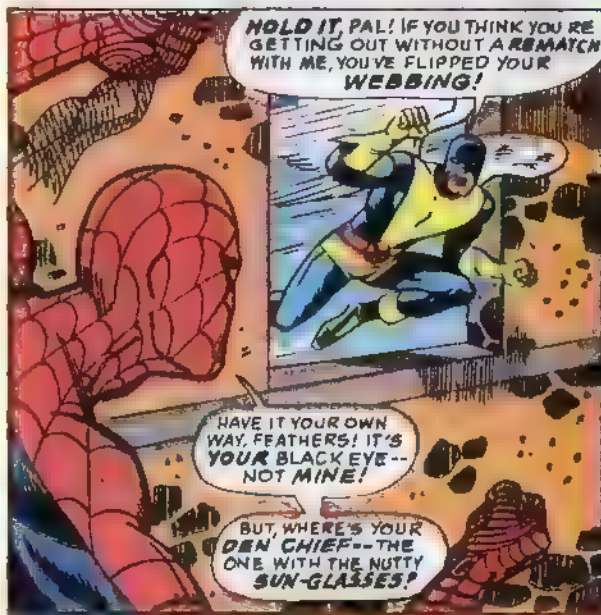
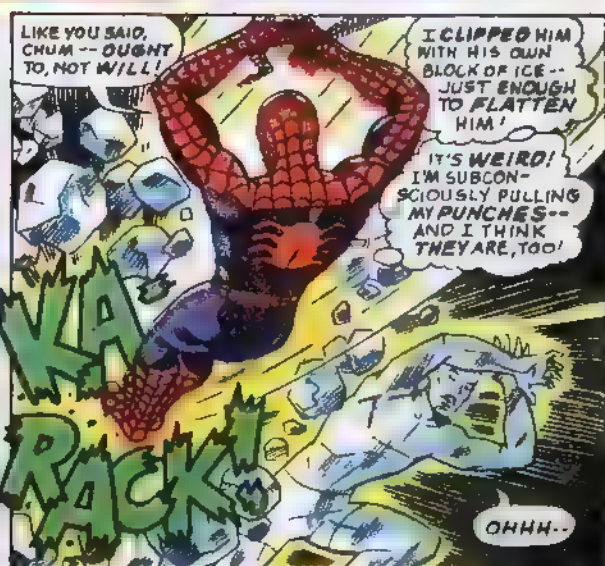
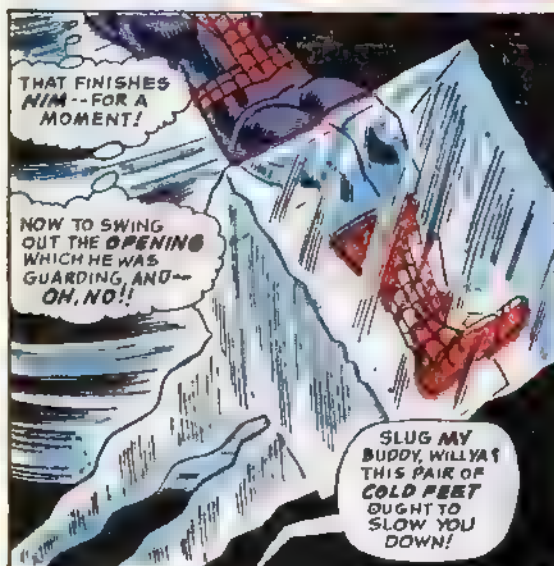
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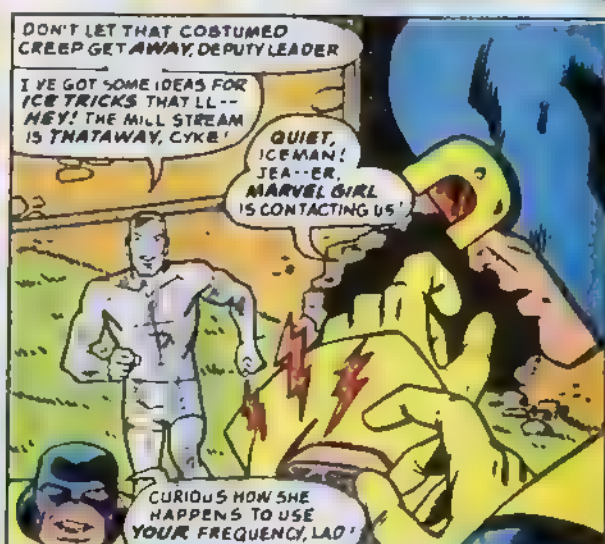
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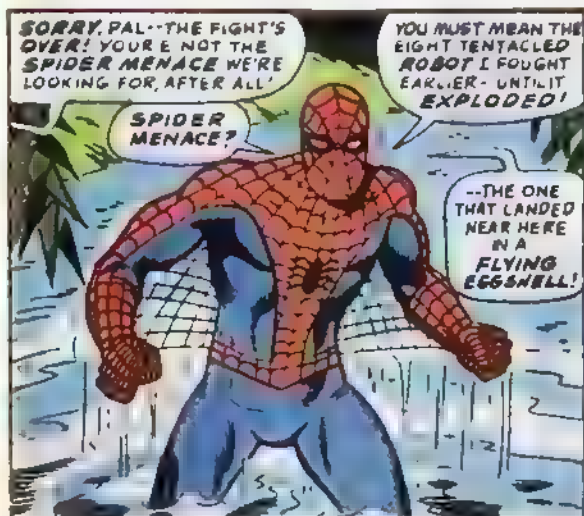










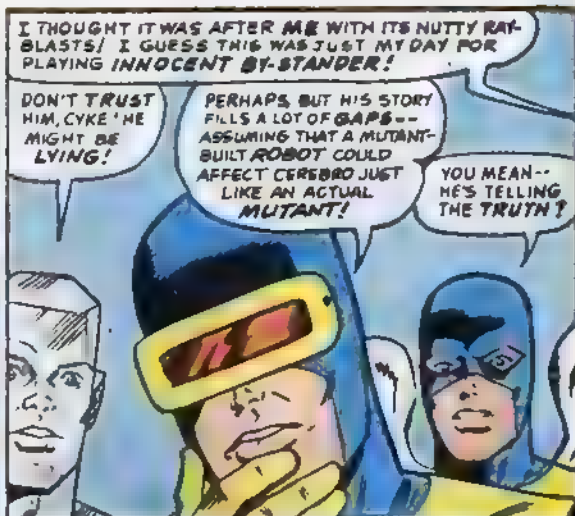


SORRY, PAL--THE FIGHT'S OVER! YOU'RE NOT THE SPIDER MENACE WE'RE LOOKING FOR, AFTER ALL!

SPIDER MENACE?

YOU MUST MEAN THE EIGHT TENTACLED ROBOT I FOUGHT EARLIER--UNTIL IT EXPLODED!

--THE ONE THAT LANDED NEAR HERE IN A FLYING EGGSHELL!

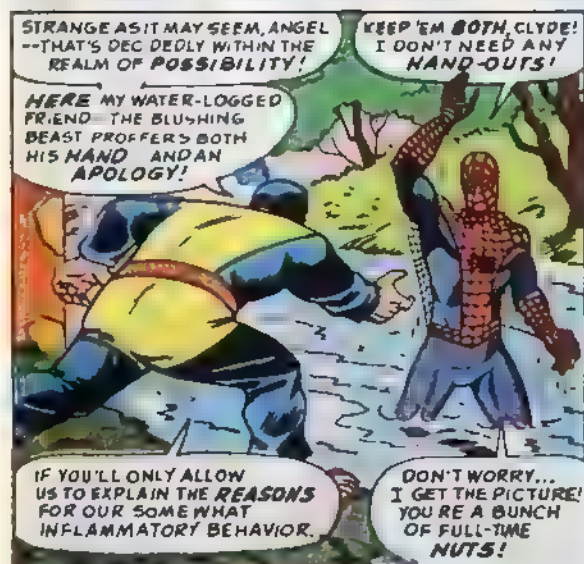


I THOUGHT IT WAS AFTER ME WITH ITS NUTTY RAY-BLASTS! I GUESS THIS WAS JUST MY DAY FOR PLAYING INNOCENT BY-STANDER!

DON'T TRUST HIM, CYKE 'HE MIGHT BE LYING!

PERHAPS, BUT HIS STORY FILLS A LOT OF GAPS--ASSUMING THAT A MUTANT-BUILT ROBOT COULD AFFECT CEREBRO JUST LIKE AN ACTUAL MUTANT!

YOU MEAN--HE'S TELLING THE TRUTH?



STRANGE AS IT MAY SEEM, ANGEL--THAT'S DECIDEDLY WITHIN THE REALM OF POSSIBILITY!

KEEP 'EM BOTH, CLYDE! I DON'T NEED ANY HAND-OUTS!

HERE MY WATER-LOGGED FRIEND--THE BLUSHING BEAST PROFFERS BOTH HIS HAND AND AN APOLOGY!

IF YOU'LL ONLY ALLOW US TO EXPLAIN THE REASONS FOR OUR SOMEWHAT INFLAMMATORY BEHAVIOR.

DON'T WORRY... I GET THE PICTURE! YOU'RE A BUNCH OF FULL-TIME NUTS!

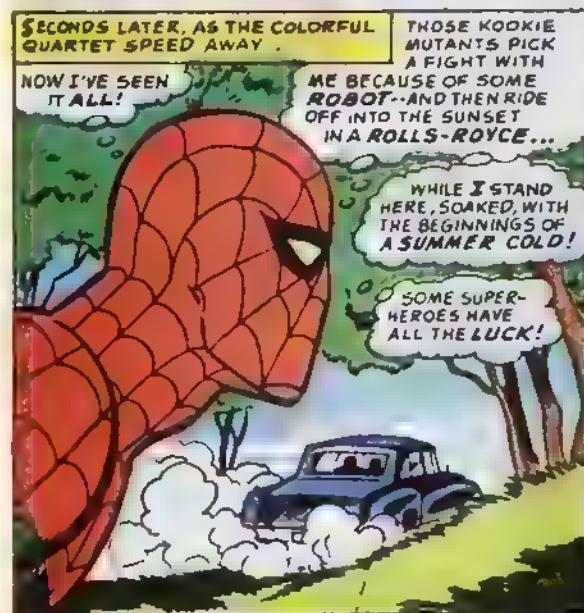


COME ON, X-MEN! AS MUCH AS I REGRET THIS WHOLE THING, WE DON'T HAVE ANY TIME TO SPARE!

YEAH--BUT, IF WE COULD JUST CLUE HIM IN ON WHY WE WERE SO FRANTIC--

NO CAN DO, KID--WITHOUT TELLING HIM ABOUT PROFESSOR X!

THEN, LET'S DEPART--BEFORE THE BATTLE STARTS ALL OVER AGA'N!



SECONDS LATER, AS THE COLORFUL QUARTET SPEED AWAY...

NOW I'VE SEEN IT ALL!

ME BECAUSE OF SOME ROBOT--AND THEN RIDE OFF INTO THE SUNSET IN A ROLLS-ROYCE...

WHILE I STAND HERE, SOAKED, WITH THE BEGINNINGS OF A SUMMER COLD!

SOME SUPER-HEROES HAVE ALL THE LUCK!

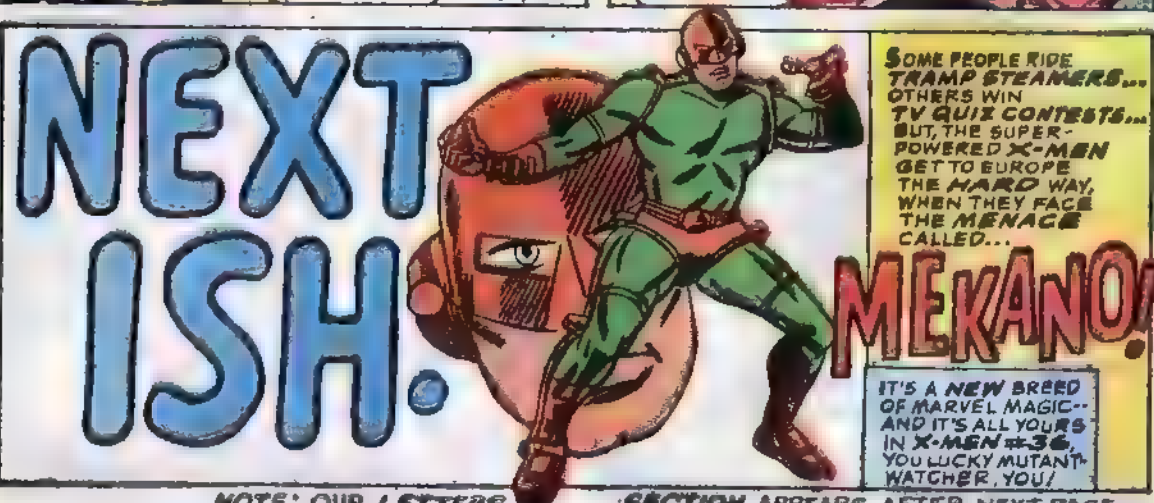
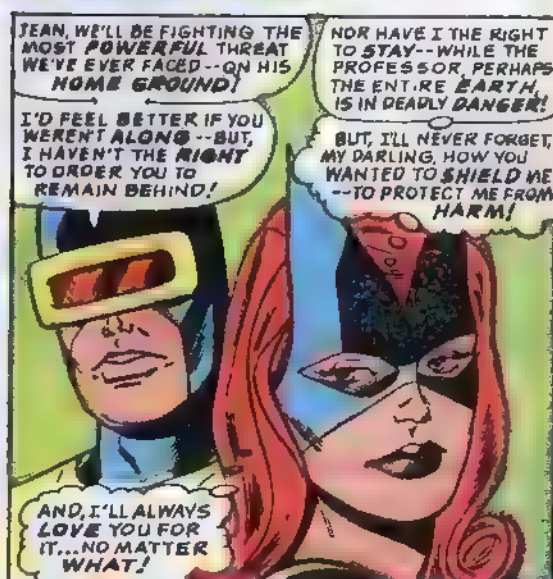
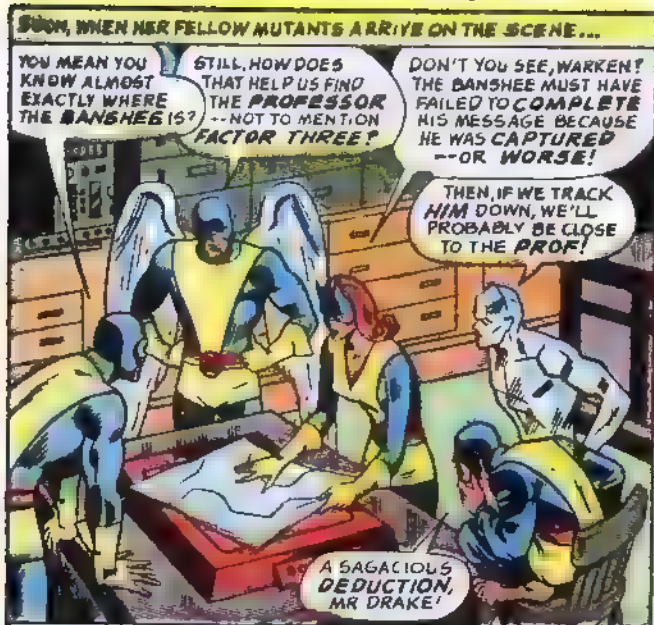


HOWEVER, IF SPIDEY BUT KNEW THE TRUTH, THE X-MEN ARE MUCH LESS FORTUNATE THAN HE COULD POSSIBLY SUSPECT...

I DIDN'T WANT TO TELL THE BOYS ABOUT LOCATING THE BANSHEE, UNTIL I'D CHECKED MY READING IN THIS ATLAS...

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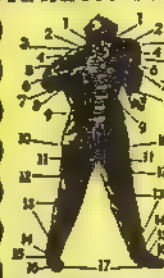
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Many thanks, Bud... boy! But just let us know one thing—is it true you're a manufacturer of transparent tape?

**ITEM!** Once again the time differential gap is enough to drive us all batty! Here's a why—as we write these deathless phrases we're just about to send the firstish of our nutty new satire mag **BRAND ECHM** to the printer. But by the time you READ this page... it's already on sale. We won't receive any mail from you about the mag for another couple of months... our time... but you're probably starting to flood us with your capricious criticism already... your time... Anyway... we're trying to say... whatever you do... I dare miss our new sat mag—the book that's been called the biggest gamble Marvel or anyone else ever attempted!... it's a... a... every one we know... the **H.A. Brand Echm** will be saying... We told you so! And you KNOW how we have to fail on our faces! (Especially when trying to blush is looking!)

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Dear Stan, Roy, and Werner,

You are privileged to get my expert advice on how to improve the X-Men. I'll start off with the Beast. I think you should make him more gorilla-like—you know, longer arms, smaller head, bigger mouth (no wise cracks), but still with his same intellect. Also, make him stronger and have him use his strength along with his agility. There's not much you can do to improve Iceman, except to have him do more ice stunts and a lot more of those roller-coaster slides. Only one thing about Marvel Girl—don't let her get too good at levitating herself. After all, that's the Angel's power! Speaking of Angel, have him do more flying stunts like hovering and soaring at great speeds. Cyclops is fine the way he is, but have him use his beam for something more difficult like he used to. By the way, how about bringing back Cbus? Guess that's about it for now. As a merry marcher, I'd like to congratulate you on every single one of your marvelous mags!

Dave Gilland, 1307 Penna. Ave.  
Colton, Cal.

And, as a weary and much-beleaguered Bullpen, we'd like to accept your congrats, Dave! We're with you on every one of your rhapsodic requests, except that we're not sure about Unns! Are you sure that's the name of one of our characters? It sounds to us like an item on a particularly unintelligible doctor's prescription! Anyway, we'll take your word for it—and as soon as we remember who he is, we'll bring him back! Fair 'nuff?

Dear Stan, Roy, and Werner,

I undoubtedly think it was a commendable conception in returning the predominate Juggernaut in X-MEN #32. (Sorry if I sounded like Beastie, I just got carried away.) I do have a couple of questions. Why do you draw the Juggernaut so fat? He makes Fuggy Nelson look like Ichabod Crane. Why don't you put him on a diet of Metracal and doughnut holes? Another thing, do the parents of the X-Men know that their sons and daughter are the mutant X-Men? Angel's parents must know he has wings, and Cyclops' parents must know about his eyes, and so on. Well, I guess that's all for now, tigers—or should I say pussycats—keep up the X-ceptional work! Paul Avila, 84 Francis St. Fairhaven, Mass.

We intend to, Paul—and here's how! Starting in a couple of issues—as soon as our mutant misfits have their long-awaited showdown with the sinister Factor Three, to be exact—we intend to start delving in depth into the secret origins of the extraordinary X-Men. And, we're betting that some of the titanic tales we come up with will delight everybody this side of Brand Echh! (In fact, it may even delight them—since it'll give them a whole new series of stories to start imitating!)

Dear Stan, Roy, and Werner,

I have just finished X-MEN #32 and it is the most sensational X-Men issue I have ever read. The love affair between Bobby and Zelda was absolutely, utterly, and completely thrilling! You have just got to put more scenes like that in your mags. I also hope to see a lot more love and romance between Scott and Jean. Now to some serious thoughts—it seems to me that the only means of transportation that the X-Men have is a chancy helicopter. Now don't you think it would be easier if they each had separate jet-cycles of some sort? Also, could you please come out with an Annual for your marvelous mutants some year. It seems that you have annuals for every super-hero (including Milkie the Modell) except for the X-Men. How does Marvel Girl skip days at a time from college without getting behind in her classes?

Kim Warner, Brookside Farm  
East Stroudsburg, Pa. 18301

Actually, Kim, we carefully explained in one issue of the mag that most of the X-Men's recent adventures have taken place on weekends. At least, we think we carefully explained it in the mag. Or, did we just mention it to the janitor one night as he was mopping up the office? Oh well—now you know!



Dear Stan, Roy, and Werner,

Wadda you trying to do? Ruin Marveland? To put it mildly, some of your latest stories aren't even worthy of Brand Echh! The X-MEN is a noted example. So is Spider-Man. Both groups used to have big problems. The X-Men were untrusting by the human race, feared by mankind.



Now everybody loves them. Spidey used to be faced with problems. Will Aunt May die? Will Spidey be accepted by humanity? Good grief, J. Jonah Jameson now gets to sneer in an average of 8 panels per ish. Another of Marvel's big problems is space. You put an Avengers story in one ish that should take 2 or 3. Of course, there is such a thing as overdoing it. No wonder Johnny Storm doesn't worry about Crystal—he's too busy fighting the Sandman, Blastaar, and fifty trillion other costumed cornballs. In the past 5 issues, Reed Richards hasn't even taken time out for a breather. However, many of your stories are good. Try to keep away from instability in artists, and try to ease the pressure off Stan, Roy, Denny, and Gary. By the way, I liked the Ayers-Colletta team on the GHOST RIDER, which should definitely be a 12-ish-per-year mag. Gee, I hope I can praise you guys next month.

Bradley Kohler, 176 E. Springettsbury Ave.  
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So do we, Brad, so do we! Though, to tell the truth, we think you might have accidentally exaggerated a few things a mite in order to make a point! After all, we haven't exactly noticed the world of homo sapiens handing out medals to our much-maligned mutants lately—and it seems to us that ol' JJJ gets to sneer in just as many panels as ever! But, maybe he just sneers harder in fewer panels! We'll take a few months out for sneer-counting, and then check back with you! So don't move away without sending us a forwarding address, hear?

Dear Stan, Roy, and Werner,

I hate to mention this because your mags are so great, but on the cover of X-MEN #32, it says, "Beware the Juggernaut, My Son!" The problem is that, while I was reading it, I found out that the Juggernaut is Professor Xavier's step-brother, which means he isn't his son. So my question is, why did you call the story "Beware the Juggernaut, My SON?"

Arthur Pippin, 220 Walnut St.  
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Frankly, lad, we were sort'a hoping that somebody'd ask that, so we could explain that it's a take-off on a famous line from Lewis Carroll's poem "The Jabberwocky", from *Alice Through the Looking-Glass*! If we can judge by that title (not to mention the one for this ish), we're in for a lot of nursery-rhyme names in the future! And wait'll you see some of the epics we've got waiting in the wings: "The Cow Jumped Over Magneto", "Jack Be Nimble, Jack Be Quicksilver", and "Four-and-Twenty Black Bolts Baked in a Pie"! No, it's not that the bluish'n' Bullpen is going thru a second childhood—they just never got over the first one!



Dear Stan, Roy, and Werner,

I'd like to ask you on behalf of all X-Men fans in the world to please make an X-Men Annual. Their annual is way overdue and I thought for sure this year you'd make one for them. What happens? You make an Avengers and Daredevil instead! Shame on you! Daredevil is too young a book for an annual and he is only your fifth best publication. The Avengers came out the same time as the X-Men and so they should logically get an annual at the same time. If you are sure that you're not making this Special, then at least have the X-Men guest-star in another one. The X-MEN is a better magazine and they could defeat the Avengers any day of the week! Let Stan and Roy talk about what it takes to write a comic in the soap-box section. Issues #31 and #32 were good because of the Cobalt Man and, in #32, of all the romance. Let Spidey guest-star in an X-Men soon. Make each story 22 pages instead of 20. Cut out your ad pages. It's about time you brought back the Vanisher—he has only been in one mag

in all Marvel's history. Keep up the good writing, Roy! Poor Stan, the younger guys are taking over Marvel!

Ron Liberman, 68 Fontainebleau Dr.  
Willowdale, Ont., Canada

You know it, pal! But, if we can be serious for just about half a minute, we'd like to state for the record that mighty Marvel is pulsatingly proud to be developing so much new talent lately! Rascally Roy, Groovy Gary Friedrich, Jaunty Jim Steranko, and Dapper Dan Adkins are all still in their roaring twenties, and it's been a pleasure to welcome them to this nutty, wonderful business of ours! We'd go on and on, but we've gotta hurry and pick Smiley up off the floor; he just tripped over his long white beard!



Dear Stan, Roy, and Werner,

'Twas X-Men, and the fight they fought  
Did goof and go wrong every way,  
Almighty was the Juggernaut,  
And Factor Three—who dey?

Beware the Juggernaut, my son,  
The fangs that bite, the arms that whack!  
Beware of Factor Three and shun  
The Bands of Cyttorak!

Prof kept his mental bolt in mind,  
Long time the monstrous foe he'd fought,  
So dazed by the tremendous bolt  
Of energy he'd caught.

And as unconscious there he lay,  
The Juggernaut, with eyes of flame,  
Came smashing through the concrete wall,  
And boasted as it came!

One, two! One, two! And through and through,  
The Iceman's blasts went drippy-dreg;  
The Beast, he feared almost as bad—  
The Angel laid an egg.

"And hast thou slain the Juggernaut?"  
"No, prof... he left us all for dead!  
We'll try again in next month's mag!"  
And Forbush quipped, "Nuff said!"

Mark Evanier, 10418 Tennessee Ave.  
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Not quite 'nuff said, Mark! We just wanna know one thing—the next time Shakespearean Stan borrows a line from the Bard for one his own tintinnabulatin' titles, are we gonna be deluged with pulsatin' paraphrases of *Hamlet*? 'Cause if we are, please tell us in advance, frantic ones—we've gotta get a mailbox!

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